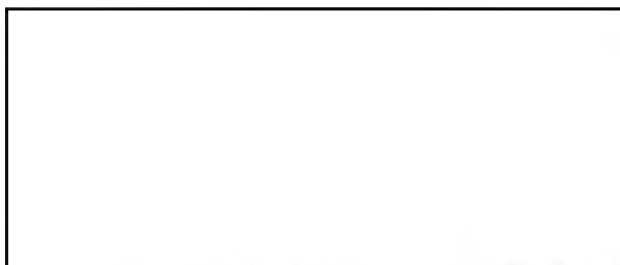


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I just want you to know how much I value the little black handbook you are keeping for me. Your choice and manner of presentation of the basic data reflect the excellence of research applied to the job. I also appreciate your continuing effort to keep it current.

Mr. Lay, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, has taken occasion to comment most favorably on how useful his copy of the book has been to him in serving the needs of the President and the National Security Council.

It is a pleasure to commend you personally for a job which I feel is a credit to the Agency.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your Personnel file.

Sincerely,

WBS

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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